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Marconi's Eddie Krncevic soars high in last Sunday's match. His efforts brought him two excellent headed goals.

SLICKERS POISED FOR TITLE

— By Andrew Dettre —

Sydney City are almost certain PSL champions if they can get through their double assignment this week with at least three points in the bag.

They have the most favorable draw: four home games and two of their other four "away" matches also played in Sydney.

If they falter, the team most likely to catch them is Heidelberg which also has four home games plus one "away" match in Melbourne.

Whatever happens, these two can start preparing for the Top Four.

Three others will fight out the race for the other berths.

Marconi and Adelaide City have the toughest draws — but South Melbourne have hit a slump.

Both Adelaide City and Marconi have yet to play all their Top Four rivals but Marconi are slightly better placed as they meet three of them at home.

These are the remaining engagements of the major candidates for top honors:

SYDNEY CITY (27pts)
Marconi
Blacktown
Leichhardt
Brisbane City
Canberra
Footscray
Adelaide City
St.George

HEIDELBERG (24pts)
Canberra
Lions
Footscray
Adelaide City
St.George
Marconi
Newcastle
Brisbane Lions

SOUTH MELBOURNE (24pts)
Brisbane City
Canberra
Footscray
Adelaide City
St.George
Marconi
Newcastle

ADELAIDE CITY (23pts)
Marconi
Newcastle
Heidelberg
South Melbourne
West Adelaide

Sydney City
Blacktown

MARCONI (22pts)
Sydney City
Adelaide City
St.George
Brisbane Lions
Newcastle
Heidelberg
South Melbourne
West Adelaide

Teams set in bold indicate home match.

AROK LIKELY TO RETURN IN DEC.

Frank Arok, St.George's guest adviser, will return to his native Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, next week.

However, there is a much better than 50-50 chance that he will be back in Sydney by December to take over the Saints for two years.

He has been offered the job as fulltime manager-coach cum complete reorganiser of the ailing club.

"Whether I can come back or not really depends on my wife," he said this week.

"The last time we were here she had a wretched job and wasn't happy.

"If the club can find her something suitable — she is a journalist who also speaks and writes English — she will agree to come back again."

Arok has already submitted to the club management a long, detailed and brutally frank assessment of his findings at the Saints.

"It wouldn't be right at this stage to go into details and hurt people," he said, "so I won't make any public comment.

"But there seems to be a heck of a lot of work ahead if the Saints are to rise again on and off the field.

"And if I do take over, there will be some very major changes."

Asked if he was perturbed about some scathing Press comments on his brief stay here, Arok shrugged in his characteristic style.

"I've been not just a coach but also a journalist for over 20 years myself so I know that reporters have to find 'stories.'

"I never get upset about what they write. I think a coach should start worrying when they don't write about him at all."

Cup draw

Melbourne and Sydney will be treated to potentially explosive Philips Cup semi-finals on August 31 when Heidelberg play Adelaide City and Marconi tackles Brisbane Lions in their home cities.

The draw to decide the home teams in the games was made in Sydney on Monday, with the pairings already known.

If scores are level at the end of normal time, 15 minutes each way extra time will be played.

Penalties will decide the match if the energy sapping extra time fails to produce a result.

No matter which of the four teams qualify for the final it should be one of the best yet.

The four semi-finalists are in the top six on the PSL table and are arguably the most attacking sides in the league.

However, the way the cup is run — with a rigid seeding system — means the chances of a non-PSL club ever reaching the final or even the semi-finals are remote.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY	18	12	3	3	35	15	+20	27	9	6	2	1	21	9	14	9	6	1	2	14	6	13
2 (2) HEIDELBERG	18	10	4	4	39	23	+16	24	9	7	1	1	29	11	15	9	3	3	3	10	12	9
3 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE	19	11	2	6	29	16	+13	24	9	6	2	1	17	6	14	10	5	—	5	12	10	10
4 (4) ADELAIDE CITY	19	10	3	6	33	20	+13	23	10	6	3	1	18	6	15	9	4	—	5	15	14	8
5 (5) MARCONI	18	9	4	5	37	23	+14	22	9	5	3	1	24	9	13	9	4	1	4	13	14	9
6 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	18	6	8	4	24	21	+ 3	20	8	4	2	2	10	7	10	10	2	6	2	14	14	10
7 (8) NEWCASTLE	19	8	4	7	19	23	− 4	20	10	5	2	3	9	10	12	9	3	2	4	10	13	8
8 (7) CANBERRA	19	7	4	8	29	22	+ 7	18	10	3	2	5	13	14	8	9	4	2	3	16	8	10
9 (9) FOOTSCRAY	19	6	6	7	27	31	− 4	18	10	5	1	4	17	16	11	9	1	5	3	10	15	7
10(10) BRISBANE CITY	19	4	7	8	21	24	− 3	15	10	4	2	4	15	9	10	9	—	5	4	6	15	5
11(11) LEICHHARDT	19	6	2	11	17	30	−13	14	9	5	2	2	11	11	12	10	1	—	9	6	19	2
12(12) BLACKTOWN	19	6	2	11	26	45	−19	14	9	5	1	3	19	13	11	10	1	1	8	7	32	3
13(13) WEST ADELAIDE	19	5	2	12	17	35	−18	12	9	5	2	2	10	8	12	10	—	—	10	7	27	—
14(14) ST.GEORGE	19	4	3	12	23	48	−25	11	10	2	2	6	11	23	6	9	2	1	6	12	25	5

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna

***LETHBRIDGE RANGERS** (2nd div.) doubled up last weekend for a win and a draw. In their postponed match last Saturday against Lane Cove the Rangers first goal of their 5-0 win came in the opening minutes when new signing, Garry Burchell scored. Midway through the first half, from a corner by K. George, Eric Hedges scored with a header. A halftime score of 2-0 saw Lethbridge again on the attack when Eric Hedges made a break down the wing to put the ball across just outside the box for Keith George to hammer home. Five minutes later, Eric Hedges broke away again, split the defence and curving a shot past the 'keeper, scored. James McGaw produced skills previously unknown, in a solo run, beating 3 defenders and scoring Lethbridge's fifth goal. In the Rangers' Sunday match against Gladesville-Hornsby the team had several second graders to complement injuries and players out from the previous day's match. The game, scoreless, was very hard with both sides missing several chances. From a defensive point of view both teams played well. Lethbridge will be holding their second Challenge Cup this Thursday night against Blacktown City PSL team at Popondetta Park with a 7pm kick-off, admission is free.*

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***RIVERSTONE** (3rd div.) enjoyed a most successful weekend when playing a home in a double header against two top teams finishing winners in both. The first game was against Liverpool Albions and the 2-1 result was a true indication of the closeness of the game. The game was fought very hard and the result could have been different had not the Liverpool striker Vlad Knaus been sent off in the second half. The first goal for Riverstone was scored from a penalty by Michael Milanovic. In the second half Liverpool took a corner kick and in the penalty area Bob McDougall was there to head the ball in for an equaliser. Later with 10 men Liverpool found the going hard and about 10 minutes from the end the ball came to Sebastian Grasso who promptly directed it into the net for Riverstone. On Sunday Riverstone were expecting a tougher game playing Bonnyrigg Eagles. The visitors took over the play and fully dominated the first half and were one goal up after 20 minutes of play. The goal was scored from close range by Martin Bazi after having received the ball in a congested penalty area. In the second half a tactical error in changing the Eagles goalkeeper sent the side into defensive play which the persistent and energetic Riverstone found easy to penetrate. Within 10 minutes Riverstone scored three goals completely turning the situation around for a 3-1 win. The equalising goal came from a corner kick which was headed in by Neil Christie. The second and third goals were scored by Brian Furness and Leo Vanderberg. Pat Hughes, the Riverstone coach resigned three weeks ago for personal reasons and now the side is ably coaches by Guillian DeSante.*

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***PADSTOW PARK** (4th div.) was one of the sides in the top of the table clash when playing against Eastern Creek at Walshaw Park. The game which was marred by many stoppages and too many bookings was finally won 3-1 by Eastern Creek. In this game there were four players sent off, two from each side and two penalties were scored. Five minutes into the game Padstow Park were awarded a penalty which leftback Chris Coughlin promptly converted. Twenty minutes later an indirect freekick was awarded by Eastern Creek, the ball was played to Paul Jancek who hammered the ball in past the Padstow defence. In the second half Ricky Buss, the left midfielder received the ball from Doug Spargo, went through with the ball to score the second goal. A few minutes from the end a penalty kick was awarded to Eastern Creek and Doug Spargo made no mistake in putting the ball into the net.*

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***NORTH RYDE** (3rd div.) are clear leaders of the division after taking advantage of misfortunes of Kingsford and Liverpool Albions and by scoring a good 2-0 win over Sydney university. At the interval the score was 0-0 but after the interval Norths went one up with a goal scored by the right back Mark Currow. The goal of the match came a few minutes later when unexpectedly the ball was sent to the penalty area where the centre half Paul Lewis converted.*

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***EASTWOOD ST. ANDREWS** (4th div.) came back to form winning 4-1 against the weakened Chelsea. Despite the score the game was even and for the first half there was no score. In the second half the collapse of Chelsea started with a penalty awarded against them which Graham Waterhouse converted. Ten minutes later Waterhouse scored again, this time after receiving the ball from a free-kick. The third goal was a breakaway effort by Greg Perkins who went with the ball and then lobbed it into the net over the head of the advancing goalkeeper. The last goal for Eastwood came from a scramble in the goalmouth and John Green who had played a full game in the second grade took a loose ball and shot into the net. The only goal for Chelsea after having missed a penalty earlier, came in the dying minutes of the game.*

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***WEST HOLROYD** (4th div.) had a 1-1 draw against Fairfield Kiev at Guildford West Sports Ground. This 1-1 draw was quite satisfactory for West Holroyd considering the team was unsettled after 10 minutes when Feros Bucksh was sent off. The only goal in the first half was scored by Fairfield Kiev and 20 minutes into the second half Manuel Mellak scored the equaliser from a build-up on the left side. Trevor Cook kicked a high ball over the Kiev defence and Manuel shot the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.*

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***GLENQUARRIE UNITED** (5th div.) in the first grade defeated Green Valley 2-1 in a very hard fought game. Glenquarrie took the lead after 3 minutes when from a freekick, the ball was deflected off the 'keeper, allowing H. Gosch to score. Four minutes into the second half, a long throw-in by T. Wood found Steve Lonski well positioned to drive the ball into the net to give Glenquarrie a 2-0 lead. With 20 minutes to go Green Valley came back fighting and scored a goal that kept the pressure on the Gunners and were unlucky not to score the equaliser. Glenquarrie's ladies team, competing in the Liverpool district senior ladies competition, have made it through the season undefeated, finishing on 27 points. Last Sunday at Endeavour field against Liverpool Rangers they played their first semifinal. After a slow start and a halftime score of 0-0 the second half saw K. Edwards and D. Kerry score goals for the Gunners for a 2-0 win and a straight entry into the Grand Final.*

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***NORTH ROCKS** (5th div.): Lost — one set of jerseys on Sunday, July 26 at Macquarie University Oval. Sky blue and white with embroidered club badge. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any or all of these jerseys please contact Mick Conduit on 871-8829.*

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***QUEENS PARK** (2nd div.) played a hard fought game against Guildford County last Sunday the score finished at 0-0. It was a game of two halves with Queens Park dominating the first and Guildford County and second with neither side able to capitalise on the chances created. Queens Park could have scored in the opening minutes of the game and created several more opportunities as they kept up the pressure on Guildford. Playing some attractive football, Queens Park exposed several chinks in the Guildford defense but were unable to finish well. Guildford did go close on one occasion when Ron Innes cleared off the line. In the second half Guildford took the game to Queens Park and but for the brilliant goalkeeping of David Roxby and at times poor finishing by the Guildford attackers, would have scored two or three goals. A fair result in a game which could have been 3-3 had all chances created, been put away. Player of the match for Guildford was TRevor Stead playing his initial game in the leftback position.*

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NSW DRAW

DIVISION 2

Gladesville Ravens v Dee Why, Sun., Peel Park; North Bankstown v Yagoona, Sat., Potts Park; Gladesville Hornsby v Lane Cove, Sun., Morrison Bay; Queens Park E/S v Lethbridge Rangers, Sat., Erskineville Ov.; Campbelltown v Guildford County, Sun., Lynwood Park; Baulkham Hills v Marrickville, Sat., Ted Horwood Res.;

DIVISION 3

Sydney Uni. v Wenty Waratahs, Sat., St.John's Oval; Artarmon v North Ryde, Sat., Artarmon Res., Bonnyrigg Eagles v Liverpool Albions, Sat., St Johns Park; Hurstville-Zagreb v Riverstone, Sun., Evatt Park; West Ryde Rovers v Bondi Marines, Sun., L.H. Waud S/G; Kingsford v Port Hacking, Sun., Erskineville Oval.

DIVISION 4

Ryde Dist. v West Holroyd G/C, Sun., Hall Park; Chelsea v Maroubra Utd., Sat., Moore Park; Eastern Creek v Paddington Scratch, Sun., Caneys Park; Revesby Rovers v Padstow Park, Sun., Amour Park; Fairfield Kiev v Canley Heights, Sat., Knight Park No.1.

DIVISION 5

Macquarie Uni v Fairfield West, Sun., Macquarie Uni Oval; Camden v Haberfield S/D's, Sat., Ponderos Park; Edensor Park v North Rocks, Sun., King Tomislav Park; Sydney Maccabi v Pagewood, Sun., Cricket Ground 2; Concordia v Auburn juniors, Sat., Marrickville; Winston Hills v West St.George, Sun., Max Ruddock Reserve.

DIVISION 6

Hawkesbury Dist. v Green Valley Utd., Sun., North Richmond Oval; Mt.Pritchard v Moorebank, Sun., Parkes Res.;Blacktown Wands v Bankstown Sports, Sun., Grantham H/S, Chullora v Liverpool Utd., Sun., Soccer Centre; Liverpool Rangers v Liverpool City, Sun., Ireland Park;Glenquarrie Utd. v Sth. Sydney Dist., Sun., Bensley Rd S/Complex; Mt. Pritchard v Liverpool Utd., Sat., Parkes Res.

FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri —

Competition leaders Marconi scored maximum points from their two games to open a five-point gap at the top of the table.

In each game their top striker Paul Scheinflug scored the goal to get them the points.

Their nearest rivals are now St.George who, though with a struggle, also picked up four points from a midweek win over University and the weekend game against Belmore.

Blacktown City who were right behind Marconi could only manage one point from their two games.

But the best performance of the weekend came from Wollongong who scored two convincing wins notching 9 goals and coming well back into promotion calculations.

Coach Mike Johnson was quite happy with the performances after dropping so many points in close results.

One of the upsets of the weekend, which incidentally involved almost two rounds put together with so many teams doubling up, was the defeat of Polonia by Sydney City which makes things really hard for Polonia to get promoted.

Bathurst is also back into calculations after a narrow win over University.

The students had to field a makeshift team as coach Bob Harbour and some players could not make it to Bathurst after their car broke down on the way up the mountains.

Uni had a bad trot losing all their last four games.

BATHURST v UNI OF NSW 2-1

Bathurst: Coles, Bulloch, G. Hadley, G. Pickup, Barlow, Waine, A. Pickup, Dwyer, Judge, Woodruff, P. Hadley. **Coach:** J. Judge.
Uni of NSW: not available.
Goals: P. Hadley, Waine.

YUGAL v LEICHHARDT 4-3

Yugal: Kostidis, Cummings, Radivojavic, Grubic, O'Brien, Novakovic, Mihailovic, Travini, Kapista, Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Leichhardt: Kathsavalis, Blencato, Brown, Gray, Casachia, Watt, Ius, Di Ciglie, Savidis (Devanzo), Triantafyllou, Gaitatzis. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Goals: Travini (2), Kapista, O'Brien (pen.); Gaitatzis (2), Savidis.

MARCONI v YUGAL 1-0

Marconi; Veneri, Swain, Colderan, Masonwells, Morson, Dulisse, Polzot, Stark, Scheinflug, Tomasich, Kelly. **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Yugal: Kostidis, Cummings, Radivojavic, Gruvic, Clark, Novakovic, Mihajlovic, Travini, Kapista (O'Brien), Rodas, Tanoski. **Coach:** I. Takac.
Goal: Scheinflug.

BLACKTOWN CITY v LEICHHARDT 1-1

Blacktown City: Freeman, Rasmussen, D. Campbell, Stowell, Cuff, Manning,(Wilson), Pena, Ortega, Dolton, Landon, Pearson (Berrigan). **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Leichhardt: Hoare, Blencato, Brown, Gray, Casachia, Watt, Gaitatzis, Di Ciglie, Savidis, Samuels, Drews. **Coach:** C. Van Blerk.
Goals: Savidis; Dolton.

REVESBY v BLACKTOWN CITY 2-0

Revesby: J. Cabone, Adams (Parkinson), Hargreaves, T. Cabone, Pittman, Morrow, Butler, Larkins, Mackin, McGovern (Gill), Mitford. **Coach:** L. Dobbins.
Blacktown City: Harris, Rasmussen, D. Campbell, B. Campbell, Cuff (Purcell), Manning, Pena (Wilson), Dolton, Landon, Pearson, Berrigan. **Coach:** A. Edmondson.
Goals: Mitford, Mackin.

WARRINGAH v WOLLONGONG 0-4

Warringah: Robins, Duncan, Carpenter, Collins, Van der Saag, Scott (Rice), Euers, B. Beverley, Griffiths, S. Beverley, Sandtner (Hopkins). **Coach:** Z. Napta.
Wollongong: Vardereff, Namouski, Montecchi, Campbell (Vliestra), Talevski, Bingham, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, Traikovski, Giraldi, Fontana. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Goals: Fontana (2), Giraldi, H. Sattin.

WOLLONGONG v BELMORE 5-0

Wollongong: Vardereff, Naumouski, Montecchi, Campbell, Talevki (Vliestra), Bingham, R. Sattin, H. Sattin,(Giraldi), Petkovski, Terziovski, Fontana. **Coach:** M. Johnson.
Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Lambert, Cruger, Vergos, Reynolds, Billinghurst, De Mestre, Roberts, Murray, Kirwin. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Goals: Campbell (2), Montecchi, Terziovski, Giraldi.

ST. GEORGE v UNI OF NSW 1-0

St. George: Smith, Holmik, Hadley, Terry, Scharfegger, Stone, Gnavi, Davies, Morlando, Cotton, Fraser. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Uni of NSW: Galen, Dwyer, Hughes, Harris, T. Popovich, V. Popovich, Wren, Sackett, Beneck (Dowe), Kelly, Kay. **Coach:** R. Harbour.
Goal: Cotton.

ST. GEORGE v BELMORE 1-0

St. George: Wotten (Botsis), Rendell, Dinley, Johnson, Holmik, Smith, Harvey, Davies, Morlando, Tuntevski, Townsend. **Coach:** T. Zuckerman.
Belmore: Hawthorne, Martin, Lambert, Cruger, Vergos, Reynolds, Billinghurst, Roberts, De Mestre, Murray, (Franks), Kirwin. **Coach:** O. Klaus.
Goal: Dinley.

MARCONI v BLACKTOWN UNITED 1-0

Blacktown Utd.: Warren, Murray, Eldridge, Ber, Hannish, Clarke, Crone, Svarc, De Valle, Taylor, Milakovic. **Coach:** D. Zeman.
Marconi: Veneri, Swain, Colderan, Masonwells, Morson, Dulisse, Polsot, Stark, Scheinflug, Colusso, Kelly, (Bateman). **Coach:** L. Nesti.
Goal: Scheinflug.

POLONIA v SYDNEY CITY 0-1

Polonia: Greenfield, Illingworth, Svigelj, Hardy, Wisniewski, Crowthers, Sookee (R. Budini), Strzelecki, A. Budini, Harris, Maitre (O'Donovan). **Coach:** S. Wozniczka.
Sydney City: Berry, McGrouther, Sorge, Woods, Fonesca, Spanos, Gomez, Lee, Pettas, Henry, Svynos. **Coach:** D. Hoggart.
Goal: Wisniewski (o.g.)

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	I	II	III
Inter-Monaro v Melita	0-1	0-2	
Syd. Olympic v Auburn	0-0	3-1	0-1
Avala v Arncliffe	0-2	1-0	1-4
Sutherland v Kuringai	3-1	0-2	1-2
Croatia v Nth.Sydney	1-2	0-0	1-0
Manly v Cant.M'ville	1-0	1-1	1-2
Parramatta v Bankstown	2-1	1-0	0-6

DIVISION 1

Wollongong v Belmore	5-0	1-1	1-0
Polonia v Syd. City	0-1	0-3	0-5
Blackt.City v Leichhardt	1-1	3-1	0-0
Marconi v Yugal	1-0	3-2	5-2
Revesby v Blacktown City	2-0	1-3	1-6
Yugal v Leichhardt	4-3	0-0	2-0
Bathurst v Uni of NSW	2-1	0-1	2-4
Warringah v Wollongong	0-4	1-2	2-3
Marconi v Blackin Utd.	1-0	4-2	3-1
St.George v Belmore	1-0	2-0	2-0
St. George v Uni NSW	1-0	—	—

DIVISION 2

Glad.Ravens v Yagoona	0-1	3-0	2-1
M'ickville v Camp'town	2-2	0-0	2-0
Lethbridge v Lane Cove	5-0	4-3	3-2
Lane Cove v N.Bankst.	0-0	0-0	0-2
Lethbridge v Glad.Horns	0-0	2-1	1-0
Guildford v Queens Park	0-0	6-2	3-0
Dee Why v Baulk.Hills	2-0	1-2	0-1

DIVISION 3

Bondi v Hurstville	2-0	3-1
Wenty v Kingsford	2-1	2-2
Pt.Hacking v West Ryde	6-1	2-3
Riverstone v L'pool Alb.	2-1	1-1
Nth.Ryde v Syd.Uni	2-0	1-0
L'pool Alb. v Artarmon	1-1	2-0
Riverstone v Bonnyrigg	3-1	1-2

DIVISION 4

Canley Hts. v Revesby	2-2	2-2
Maroubra v Ryde Dist.	0-1	0-0
Eastwood v Chelsea	4-1	8-1
Padstow Pk v Eastern Cr	1-3	0-3
West Holroyd v Fairfld.	1-1	1-2

* abandoned

DIVISION 5

W.St.Geo. v Concordia	3-1	*
Haberfield v Macq. Uni	1-2	1-4
Nth.Rocks v Camden	2-0	2-2
Syd. Macc. v Edensor Pk	1-1	5-1
Auburn v Pagewood	2-5	1-1
Fairfield W.v Winston Hl	2-4	1-1

* abandoned - forfeit to W.St.Geo.3-1.

DIVISION 6

Chullora v Green Valley	1-1	1-0
Moorebank v Hawkesbry	1-0	4-1
Bankstown V Mt.Pritch.	5-2	1-0
L'pool Uld v Blacktown	1-0	2-4
L'pool City v Chullora	0-1	3-1
Green Vall. v Glenquarrie	1-2	0-0
Sth.Syd. v L'pool Rang.	1-3	1-2

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NSW YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

The cream of Sydney's juniors will be on display this weekend when the finals of the NSW Federation Youth League are staged.

The NSW Minister for Sport, Ken Booth is likely to attend the major finals at Barton Park.

Admission to the matches will be free — but $1 raffle tickets will be on sale.

The winner will get a return TAA flight and free accommodation for two in Tasmania — so the dollar seems a good investment.

The draw:

Major finals, Saturday, at Barton Park:

Under 14: St. George v Sutherland 6pm.

Under 15: Sutherland v St.George or Gladesville 7.30pm.

Under 16: Sydney City v Auburn or Bankstown 9pm.

Minor finals, Saturday, Seymour Shaw Park:

Under 14: Marconi v Blacktown City 12 noon.

Under 15: Nepean v St.George or Gladesville 1.30pm.

Under 16: Marconi v Auburn or Bankstown.

Two of last week's semifinals ended in draws and these matches were to be replayed after we went to press.

The semifinal results of last Saturday:

Under 14: St.George v Marconi 3-1, Sutherland v Blacktown City 5-1.

Under 15: St.George v Gladesville 1-1, Sutherland v Nepean 4-1.

Under 16: Sydney City v Marconi 1-0, Bankstown v Auburn 3-3.

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By Andrew Dettre

BEGGS HAS CUT HIS OWN VALUE

In 1979 he was hailed as the latest central striker sensation: he was the State League's top scorer and made the NSW team, too. However, since his transfer to St.George, Peter Beggs, 22, has been disappointing — and disappointed. This earnest, dedicated young man appears to have lost his goal touch and is now among the several new recruits of coach Raul Blanco for which he is roundly criticised.

Peter Beggs

SW: You are what one calls a fully local product?

PB: Yes, I was born at Bulli and came through the Wollongong and South Coast juniors. Actually, I still live there. I spent two good years at Sutherland and then joined St.George.

SW: You were top scorer with Sutherland — how many have you scored this season in the PSL?

PB: Two, in about a dozen matches. The PSL is a very different standard. In St.George we tend to knock the ball about and often we get caught in possession. In Sutherland once I made my runs I got the ball from Meades, Hall and the others. So it is a different pattern.

SW: And not too successful, either. What's the matter with the team?

PB: When you're near the bottom things always go wrong. A bit of slack marking at the back — and we've lost another match, even when we've been in the game for 75 minutes.

SW: Your game has also suffered this year...

PB: When you're in a losing team, you also lose your confidence. Yet I train a lot harder than with Sutherland: four times instead of twice.

SW: The Saints paid $10,000 for you; how would you rate your value now?

PB: Certainly no more than half, after this season.

SW: Meades was feeding you brilliantly in Sutherland; who is his equivalent in St.George?

PB: I'd say Peter Stone is doing the same job.

SW: What will you do if the Saints are relegated?

PB: I've got another year's contract to go. I don't fancy going back to the State League, it took me long enough to get out of it.

SW: You're a Wollongong boy; what about that club if they join the PSL?

PB: Of course I'd like to play for a Wollongong team but I don't know whether they will get in or not.

SW: And do you feel that the Saints will get relegated?

PB: I was confident before the Adelaide City match, we were getting some points. We have a very tough draw and yet we cannot afford to lose too many more points. There is a lot of pressure on us but it's been there for about three quarters of the season. We still hope that we can scramble to safety.

SW: Some weeks ago the Saints brought out Frank Arok to help from Yugoslavia; what did you think of the idea?

PB: He's a very knowledgeable person and he is helping Blanco. But at the start it looked bad for Blanco rather than for the players. As you know, Blanco gets on very well with the players and when you see some bloke coming in from the outside the players start to think that Blanco must be going. Nobody can blame Blanco for what's happening, you can only blame the players. Take me: he bought me and I don't think I've repaid him for his confidence in me. Much the same goes for other players Blanco brought to the club.

SW: You said the players all liked Blanco. Do you think that's more important than having a coach who may not be liked so much but gets results?

PB: Of course, it's all about results. That is the most important thing for a coach and for the team, too.

SW: And has Arok helped?

PB: Oh yes, he's pointed out a number of small things we're doing wrong and they all help. He's a forceful man and at training does quite a bit of yelling and shouting. It's sort of a shock treatment for the players. I can only hope it will help in the next few weeks.

Future grim but not black

— From Alan Fouche

South Africa's diehard white racists are making a determined bid to wreck the country's thriving multi-racial national soccer league.

More than two million people paid to watch the National Professional Soccer League's matches last year.

Most of these were blacks, for whom soccer is the one emotional outlet in lives of drabness and drudgery.

As in Australia, however, South Africa has a chronic shortage of adequate grounds.

Perhaps the only really first class ground is the Rand Stadium in Johannesburg, which holds 35,000.

At the start of this season, the Johannesburg City Council refused to allow the NPSL the use of the ground, claiming that no application had been received in time for the lease.

Despite an uproar, the council refused to change its decision, and awarded the ground instead to an amateur body, which now conducts its matches every week in front of 35,000 empty seats.

Then last month the Pretoria City Council, waiting until the dying days of the Lions rugby tour before it made its move, refused to allow a top white club, Arcadia Shepherds, to play several home games at the city's Caledonian Stadium.

The capacity of the ground is 12,000 — and the Council's specious reason for its ban was that police could not control the crowds, and the huge traffic jams.

A week earlier, the same police apparently had no difficulty controlling a 70,000 crowd just a few kilometres away at the Loftus Versveld rugby ground, where South Africa played the British Lions.

But then rugby in South Africa is the Afrikaners' game — and almost their second religion behind a fiercely Calvinistic brand of pseudo-Christianity.

Soccer is predominatly the black man's game, white support having melted significantly away since the fully multi-racial league began a few years ago.

Despite appeals to intervene, the South African Government has stood aloof — in effect giving its sanction to the actions of the two city councils.

The NPSL has, after many attempts at reasoning with the councils, now been forced to adopt an equally hard-line stance.

The League has banned all matches at both the grounds in dispute, until unequivocal assurances are given that all racial barriers will be dropped.

The upshot has been to put the future of the entire multi-racial experiment in doubt.

Yet while racist legislators are doing their utmost to sabotage multi-racial soccer, South African rugby administrators are claiming that so much has changed that the Republic ought to be re-admitted to world sport...

"Three years ago the Government told us to go ahead and play multi-racial soccer," said Arcadia general manager Trevor Dreyer.

"Now the Council says we can't and the Government won't do anything about it.

"It seems as if we may just have to try to set up the old all-white national league of a few years ago and start all over again."

Change in South Africa, like beauty, is skin-deep. And if your skin is the wrong colour it isn't even as deep as that.

Peter Beggs

NEVER ON SUNDAY?

According to purists, politics and sport shouldn't mix. Fine. But what about religion and sport?

Marconi's ambitious and praiseworthy plan to stage a special centenary match on Sunday involving the famed King's School of Parramatta has been vetoed by the Church of England which owns the school.

The highest authority of the Church of England decreed that King's boys couldn't play in the match — because it falls on Sunday.

So Marconi have to do the next best thing and invite some 300 boys from King's as their special guests to attend Sunday's match against Adelaide City.

The school — where the very first organised soccer match was played in Australia exactly 100 years ago — will also be presented by Marconi with a trophy which will go every year to their most outstanding soccer player.

Still, not everything is lost.

Thanks to the efforts of Marconi secretary, Milorad Urukalo, a centenary match will still be played at King's on Thursday, August 14 with the squad of the 1974 Socceroos visiting the school.

Thursday, so says the C of E, is OK.

How to go down...

A team, fighting against relegation, may expect to collect about 6.17pts. in its last seven matches — more than in its previous 19 games.

So this is how the teams stood after Round 19 and at the end in the previous three PSL seasons:

1977	Rd.19	End	Diff.
Mooroolbark	9	15	6
Canberra	11	17	6
Lions	15	23	8
Olympic	16	21	5
1978			
Canberra	14	20	6
St.George	14	25	11
Newcastle	15	22	7
Brisbane City	15	17	2
Footscray	16	22	6
Olympic	17	25	8
Western Suburbs	18	24	6
Adelaide City	18	24	6
1979			
South Melbourne	10	15	5
St.George	12	20	8
Footscray	14	19	5
Lions	14	22	8
Olympic	17	19	2

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE AUSTRALIA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Heidelberg	v Canberra	Olympic Park	3pm
Newcastle	v Footscray	Int.Sports Centre	2.30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

South Melb.	v Brisb.City	Middle Park	3pm
West Adel.	v Leichhardt	Hindmarsh Stad.	2.30
Sydney City	v Blacktown C.	Sydney Ath.Field	3pm
Marconi-F'fld	v Adelaide City	Marconi Stadium	3pm
Brisb.Lions	v St.George	Lions Stadium	3pm

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Lions	v Heidelberg	Lions Stadium	3pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Footscray	v Heidelberg	Olympic Park	3pm
Canberra	v Sth.Melb.	Bruce Stadium	2.30
Brisb.City	v West Adel.	Perry Park	2.30
Leichhardt	v Sydney City	Lambert Park	3pm
Blacktown	v Brisb.Lions	Gabbie Stadium	3pm
Adelaide City	v Newcastle	Olympic Fld.	2.30
St.George	v Marconi	Barton Park	3pm

PAST RESULTS

	1977	1978	1979
Marconi v Sydney City	1-1	1-2	1-0
Heidelberg v Canberra	2-0	0-1	0-0
Newcastle v Footscray	—	1-1	3-0
Sth.Melbourne v Brisb. City	0-1	0-1	4-0
West. Adelaide v Leichhardt	—	—	3-1
Sydney City v Blacktown	—	—	—
Marconi v Adelaide City	0-4	1-1	4-4
Lions v St.George	1-1	0-0	2-3

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PHILIPS CUP

NEWCASTLE 1(1) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

Goal: 1-0 Curran (21m).

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 4, Reaney 4, Drinkwater 4, Sneddon 4, **Curran 5**, Bertogna 3, Mason 3, **Senkalski 5**, Heys 4, Burrows 4, Jones 4. **Coach:** A. Vest.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, Bannon 4, **Xanthopoulos 5**, Blair 4, Lutton 3, (Kalifatidis 79m), Rogers 3, Kakantonis 3, Christopoulos 4, Campbell 4, Cummings 3, Buljevic 3. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

Referee: J. Reeves (NSW); **crowd:** 5,412.

Sheer determination and tight marking play combined to give Newcastle United a nail-biting 1-0 win over the more cultured South Melbourne.

Local hero Colin Curran blasted an electrifying 25-metre freekick past Peter Laumets in the 21st minute to give Newcastle their seventh point in four matches.

Curran has been most disappointed this season with his inability to hit a dead ball with his renowned venom, but all was forgiven last Sunday with this net-bulging effort.

For a side still with title hopes, South Melbourne failed to impress and their forwards were decidedly unhappy about the close guarding play and incisive tackling of skipper Drinkwater and his backline players.

In fact, winning should have had more value to South Melbourne rather than Newcastle who are safe from the relegation struggle and virtually out of the running for the semi-finals.

With the advantage of the stiff breeze in the first half Newcastle carried most of the attacking threat though Laumets was not seriously tested.

After Curran's goal Newcastle dropped back into a defensive shell for a period but just on half-time a perfectly placed cross from Curran almost reached the inrushing Drinkwater, but for a timely headed clearance by Xanthopoulos.

The expected second half pressure by South Melbourne failed to materialise due to some disciplined defensive work by Newcastle though a neat placement by Christopoulos forced Dando to push the ball over the cross bar.

There were many exciting stanzas around the Newcastle goal area but the experienced home backline remained well in command to the final whistle.

South Melbourne have yet again failed to score even once in an away match, a recent but expensive habit.

There is no doubt that the team which was functioning so smoothly until a few weeks ago has lost its sparkle.

As for Newcastle, their win was yet another important step towards re-building their vast support.

— **Myles Hay**

FOOTSCRAY 1(1) LEICHHARDT 0

Goal: Ilioski (22m).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 4, Hazabent 3, Kondarios 3, O'Reilly 4, Kyriakouleas 3, Petrov 3, Ilioski 3, Jovanovic 3, Belic 3, Cozzella 3 (Vasic 67th), Lujic 4. **Coach:** R. Ille.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 3, Skeltern 3, Pullen 4, Wilson 4, McGinn 3, McAusland 4, Butler 3 (Drews 81m), Coyne 3, McKie 3 (Morsello 3, 46m), Pirie 3, O'Connor 4. **Coach:** W. Wallace.

Referee: T. Beazleigh (Vic); **crowd:** 1,000; **cautions:** Kyriakouleas, Butler.

The pressure on both teams made this a desperation match allowing little room for skills or pretty football.

Footscray needed the two points to end their dismal run of nine matches without a win. For Leichhardt, every point is vital in its bid to avoid relegation.

The visitors have injury worries to the extent that coach Willie Wallace was included as one of the four substitutes on the team sheet.

This situation looked like worsening when midfielder Terry Butler was carried off nine minutes from time after a crude tackle by Kyri Kyriakouleas.

Butler was struggling to breathe and was paralysed in the legs for over half an hour before intense massaging and treatment by St. John's ambulance men aided his recovery.

Wallace was critical of the referee over the handling of the match calling some of the tackling that went on the field as "criminal."

"Home state refereeing has got to stop," he said. "There was one set of rules for one side and another set for the other."

The winning goal was scored by Zoki Ilioski in the 22nd minute following a foul committed outside the penalty area.

Zdravko Lujic sent the freekick wide to Slobodan Jovanovic who crossed low in the area where Ilioski, unmarked, was able to hammer the ball high into the net from close range.

Leichhardt had had the better of the early exchanges.

Dennis Boland, having another impressive game between the sticks, did well to turn a Colin McAusland shot round for a corner after a clearance from Phil O'Connor cross fell to the midfielder's feet.

Peter Wilson made a blind side run at the far post to connect powerfully with a John Coyne freekick at the 28th minute mark only to be denied by the 'keeper again.

O'Connor, dominant in the first half, was not as prominent after the break and Leichhardt's attack lost much of its verve as a result.

— **Peter Desira**

MARCONI 4(2) ST. GEORGE 0

Goals: 1-0 Krncevic (32m), 2-0 Byrne (33m. pen.), 3-0 Jankovics (48m), 4-0 Krncevic (82m).

MARCONI: Maher 5, Brogan 3, **Henderson 5**, Prskalo 4, Tomasich 3, Byrne 4 (Colusso 83m), Mariani 4, Raskopoulos 4 (Lindsay 70m), Sharne 3, Jankovics 3, Krncevic 3. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

ST.GEORGE: Fraser 2, Skeen 3, Hadley 3, Scharfegger 2, Terry 3, Katholos 4, Campbell 3, Kay 3, Duarte 2, Cotton 3, R. Fraser 3 (Beggs 76m). **Coach:** R. Blanco.

Referee: H. Witschge; **crowd:** 3,900; **cautions:** Henderson, Skeen, Hadley, Scharfegger.

It took some half an hour of pretty timid sparring for both teams to warm to their task: in this period the Saints were holding their own rather well.

Then, in two minutes, the contest was over. In the 32nd minute Prskalo (and not Tomasich, as was reported in all morning papers...) floated a lob to the box and Krncevic glanced a header to the far post past a hesitant goalie.

One minute later the tiny Kay brought down the giant Jankovics inside the area and instead of a courage certificate, earned a penalty which Byrne converted.

That, ostensibly, was the match; the Saints, true to their tradition, caved in and never looked like making a serious come-back.

Once again their team was a collection of almost unrelated, haphazardly assembled spare parts which couldn't make any impression on a Marconi cruising in low gear.

An incredible series of misses in the St.George goalmouth straight after halftime, with Krncevic the main culprit, was followed by the third goal two minutes later.

Raskopoulos sped off on the left, unchallenged even when he slipped and almost lost control and his sharp cross was stabbed home by the alert Jankovics with the ball going in off Terry.

The Saints did stage some token raids — and could have grabbed a goal or two when first Cotton's header then Duarte's close shot were saved by Maher.

Krncevic missed again in the goalmouth before the final coup de grace was delivered in the 82nd minute.

Byrne sent in a freekick, Scharfegger, the alleged Schaefer-ersatz challenged Krncevic, Fraser left his goal — and the gentle header popped into the unguarded goal in a classic defensive mix-up.

The last bit of the game was a one-sided, ten-finger exercise by Marconi who, on the day, were superbly marshalled and propelled forward by a dashing, enterprising Henderson almost back to his best.

— **Andrew Dettre**

CANBERRA CITY 0 HEIDELBERG 2(1)

Goals: 0-1 Selemides (44m), 0-2 Paton (89m).

CANBERRA: Wilson 3, Moulis 3, **Milovanovic 6**, R. O'Shea 3, M. O'Shea 3, J. O'Shea 4, Cole 4, Farrell 3 (Williams 46m), Byrne 3, Giampaolo 4, **Brennan 5. Coach:** J. Brown.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 4, McMillan 3, Tansey 3, Yzendoorn 3, Bannon 4, Selemides 4, Williams 3, Paton 4, **Bozikas 5**, Cole 3, **Taylor 5. Coach:** L. McKendry.

Referee: R. Lorenc (NSW); **crowd:** 3,000.

Canberra City bowed out of the Philips Cup after two goals one minute from time in each half.

Canberra had the better of the play in the first 45 minutes.

Tony Brennan sparkled early and menaced the Heidelberg defence with lightning runs and deft passing.

With Sebastian Giampaolo playing nearer to his true form and the Canberra midfielders Duncan Cole and John O'Shea alert, Heidelberg still seemed to be suffering the post-Brisbane blues.

Terry Byrne, after a solo run from midfield, had a shot palmed to safety by Geoff Olver and minutes later John O'Shea skied the ball over the Heidelberg crossbar.

In the 44th minute a Ken Taylor corner floated into the box and Theo Selemides rose valiantly to nod the ball emphatically into the net.

Canberra loosened its grip on the game in the second half. The visiting defence was allowed to indulge in its speciality — the backpass to the goalkeeper and slow, patient build-ups.

Terry Byrne laboured hard but lacked the composure under pressure to convert chances which fell his way.

He was, however, unlucky to see a delicate flick header rebound off the Heidelberg upright in the 55th minute.

As the match progressed the Canberra midfield wilted. Theo Selemides, Ken Taylor and Jamie Paton became instrumental in mounting free-flowing Heidelberg attacks.

As the minutes lapsed the possibility of a Canberra equaliser dwindled.

The hard, steely professionalism of the visitors gleamed coldly in the cutting Canberra winter air as Jamie Paton weaved past two fazed Canberra defenders to underline the superiority of the Victorians in the last minute of the match.

For Canberra and man of the day was Mike Milovanovic who not only marked Gary Cole out of the match but became the lynchpin of the defence through his tigerish marking, aggressive tackling, dominating defensive heading and intelligent ball distribution.

— **Peter Kunz**

LIONS 2(0) SYDNEY CITY 1(0)

Goals: 1-0 Hermiston (pen. 51m), 2-0 Millman (69m), 2-1 Bruce (88m).

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 3, Ontong 3, Bennett 3, Hermiston 4, Niven 3, Hogg 3, Lindsay 3, Verweij 3, McNaughton 3, Millman 4, Hughes 4. **Coach:** M. Carson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, Mullen 3, O'Connor 3, Spanos 3 (Thomson 51m), Bruce 3, Souness 3 (Silva 76m), Stevenson 3, Barnes 3, Watson 3, Smith 3, Boden 3. **Coach:** E. Thomson.

Referee: K. Allan (ACT); **crowd:** 1,240; **caution:** Lindsay.

This Philips Cup game did not catch the imagination of the local fans and possibly Lions' worst crowd of the season turned out to greet the mighty City.

The first 30 minutes suggested that the Lions fans who had stayed away were to be the lucky ones as the Sydney team moved the ball around in their best professional manner and it appeared to be only a matter of time before their superiority bore fruit.

Lions were the Lions we have come to expect: tons of energy and effort but some terrible distribution making a farce of all the work.

By halftime we had no goals only worried local fans and an inescapable fact that despite being given the run-around Lions should have been leading by virtue of a terrible miss by McNaughton when he burst through and sent wide from zero range.

It took only seven minutes of the second half for the picture to change.

Verweij hoisted a long cross into the goalmouth and for no apparent reason Souness flattened Millman and then held him down.

Hermiston blasted the penalty past Clarke.

Eddie Thomson introduced himself into the fray as Lions moved up a gear and City began to wilt before the pressure being brought to bear on their midfield.

This was Lions best spell and they deservedly increased their lead with a cleverly set up move.

Lindsay, Hogg and Hughes were all involved in a close passing exercise that ended with Hughes laying a perfectly weighted ball across and behind the defence where the onrushing Millman booted it viciously into the net.

Minutes later the same player robbed Clarke and crossed a fine ball to Verweij who headed past an empty goal.

McNaughton and Ontong broke away but elected to go too far when a simple pass would have sufficed.

Lions got casual and with two minutes to go City scored a nice goal when Mullen was allowed to put a ball into the area where it was cleverly flicked on by Smith to Bruce who drove it home cleanly.

— **Jim Binnie**

SPEARWOOD DALM.0 ADELAIDE CITY 1(0)

Goal: Melta (100m).

SPEARWOOD: T. Witschge, Hardy, O'Keefe, Fianemgo (Evans 69m), R. Witschge, Snell, Glavovic, Smerrelli, Koroknai, Popovic, Russell.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, Dods, Jones, Perin, B. Nyskohus, Muniz, Northcote, Marocchi (Melta 75m), J. Nyskohus, Barnes, Mitchell. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Spearwood Dalmatinac almost pulled off another giant-killing performance in the Cup quarterfinal.

Spearwood gave a truly gallant performance and should have gone to the lead on two occasions, when easy chances came the way of Popovic and Russell in the first half.

"Dallies" lived to regret their early mistakes; Adelaide City began to punish them and showed the Perth soccer public what Philips League soccer is all about.

They gained control masterly in midfield and pushed their strikers into attack with skilful promptings.

The Spearwood defence, with O'Keefe and Hardy outstanding, continued to hold Adelaide City out.

Sergio Melta came on in the 75th minute for Adelaide City replacing Gary Marocchi and this move put more drive into their play.

Within minutes the Spearwood goalie Tony Witschge was forced to make two brilliant saves.

As the match progressed, Spearwood began to tire but the defence still played brilliantly.

Through Muniz, Melta and Northcote, the Adelaide City midfield had a firm grip on the game.

At the fulltime whistle the teams were locked in a 0-0 draw.

The winning goal came in the 100th minute when Melta picked up an inch-perfect pass from Northcote and outstripped the defence, coolly placing the ball wide of the advancing Witschge.

Adelaide City deserve their win through their superior class but the well organised and skilful Spearwood had nothing to be ashamed of.

After the match, Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic said he was surprised at the quality of the Spearwood team.

And rightly so: the crack Perth side put up a very good show.

Perhaps some Sydney readers may be interested to know that the two Witschge boys are younger brothers of referee Henry.

Tony Witschge had a particularly good game — I'm sure he'd be better known Australia-wide if he played in one of the Eastern States.

— **Barrie Greenwood**

Opinion

It's not for me to defend Rik Booth, the ASF's new marketing executive: he seems quite capable of looking after himself.

But, perhaps, I'd be allowed to express a view on some pretty adverse views on his appointment.

Booth — despite his English origin — lays no claim to being a soccer expert; he would be hard pressed to define a "target man," a "libero" and other modern terms in our soccer nomenclature.

Does it really matter? Booth is a highly respected and successful marketing, sales and public relations executive.

He and his small team built up Underline into a top agency in a few years.

His background is in publishing (Hamlyn) and, in case you think Underline is just another flittering fly-by-night: it's owned by Unilever, one of the world's largest corporations.

Booth's assignment from the ASF is to market soccer — something he is tremendously good at.

For years — too many years to mention — our soccer has been managed and often mismanaged by soccer "experts," people who love the game, used to play it perhaps and then devoted untold years to club administration.

And where have they got us?

There are plenty of precedents for "outsiders" succeeding in soccer management.

Neither Sir Arthur George nor Brian Le Fevre have true soccer background yet have managed to run the ASF smoothly, giving the game a new image.

Even FIFA president Joao Havelange isn't a soccer man from way back: his sport used to be waterpolo.

Cosmos of New York is run by astute businessmen and women who may not have kicked a ball in their lives — but know how to fill the Giants stadium and how to sell the game to TV and corporate sponsorship.

I am convinced that there is room — indeed, there is a need — for people with various specialised know-hows in soccer.

In fact, it's the absence of these people which so often leads to serious problems with clubs.

Club committees tend to be packed with people who "love" the game — but have no idea how to run it, develop it and sell it.

They overlook the need for modern management and marketing methods, not to mention public relations.

Clubs often hire a trainer or coach — and then burden him with tasks for which he is eminently unsuitable.

Rik Booth is not a coach, not even an adminstrator but an articulate, ambitious and well-oriented marketer.

Only time will tell whether he will succeed. However, he has a much better chance than the average "soccer lover" would.

— **Andrew Dettre**

WEEKEND PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

MAY WRAP UP PSL

This could be the week when Sydney City's championship claims receive an imprimatur — or a jolt.

They play twice in four days and neither assignment will be easy.

On Wednesday, they travel to Marconi and on Sunday they will be home to the struggling but desperate Blacktown.

The Slickers once again had the hiccup in Brisbane and have been squeezed out of the Cup, with a fairly ordinary display.

Brisbane is the bete noir of the Slickers and they must be grateful that their journeys up north have ended for the year.

Wednesday's clash will be a true battle royal but on Sunday they should wrap up the points.

Our tips: 1-1 against Marconi, 3-1 against Blacktown.

Heidelberg, having knocked Canberra out of the Philips Cup, will meet the Feds again, this time at home and it's difficult to see them having any problems.

True, Canberra usually play better out of the ACT — but perhaps not well enough to bother McKendry's crew.

The Heidelberg defence is superbly organised and the veritable prompter of the team's fluent game.

Canberra's surfeit of striking talent constantly leads to chopping and changing — and inconsistent displays.

Our tip: Heidelberg 2-1.

Newcastle are making a belated though strong run for a Top Four berth, having collected seven points in their last four matches — and the rather Bohemian Footscray are well within their range.

At long last, the Newcastle defence has tightened up and the team can win matches even with the lone goal.

Footscray have arrived in that happy no-man's land where they can function without Top Four ambitions and relegation worries.

This may remove all pressure from their game — or lead to cataclysmic defeats; with Footscray one never knows.

On form, though, the tough and more athletic Novocastrians should succeed.

Our tip: Newcastle 2-1.

South Melbourne, with last week's defeat, have just about surrendered their title hopes; their slump is now confirmed.

Against Brisbane City, they will fight for a Top Four place — but shouldn't be too cocky.

The Queenslanders have come good in recent matches and their seven goals against Heidelberg should be a warning.

Our tip: 1-1.

A crucial match will be staged at Hindmarsh where West Adelaide and Leichhardt, two very prominent relegation candidates, go into battle.

This could be a test of nerves and tactics with Leichhardt probably aiming for a draw.

West Adelaide's home record is acceptable while Leichhardt have yet to win a single point interstate, so you can go on these pointers.

Our tip: West Adelaide 1-0.

Marconi double-up on Sunday, against Adelaide City whom in previous PSL seasons never managed to beat yet at Bossley Park.

A lot will depend on the freshness of the Marconi players after their Wednesday encounter.

Rale Rasic would love to chalk up a win at his old hunting ground and his team is in sparkling form.

Still, Marconi at home remain a very formidable opposition and could break the ice with a win.

Our tip: Marconi 3-2.

Brisbane Lions constitute the next mighty hurdle for the Saints and it could prove to be too stiff a task.

The Lions are in superb form and play with confidence, progressing gradually towards the Top Four.

St. George have disintegrated and the team's morale is crushed.

Although Russell, McIntosh and Stone, perhaps even Griffiths may be back in action, whatever the team gains with them in strength it loses in cohesion, due to the eternal changes.

Our tip: Lions 3-1.

St. George goalie Mike Fraser groping in vain as Eddie Krncevic's first header sails past him.

PSL '80 RESULT GRID

	Marconi	Heidelberg	Sydney City	Brisbane City	Adelaide City	Newcastle	West Adel.	Leichhardt	Brisb.Lions	Footscray	St.George	Canberra	Sth.Melb.	Blacktown
Marconi	★	1-1	4-0			2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-0	3-2		9-0	
Heidelberg		★	0-0	3-1		4-0	4-2	5-1		3-2	4-2		1-2	5-1
Sydney City	2-1	1-1	★		2-1	2-0	7-0	4-2	1-1			0-2	2-1	
Brisbane City	2-1	7-0	1-0	★	1-2	1-2		1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1		0-1	
Adelaide City	0-1	1-0		0-0	★		1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	6-1	1-1		3-2
Newcastle	0-1		0-3	1-1	3-1	★	2-0	1-0	0-0			0-4	1-0	1-0
West Adel.		1-0	0-2	1-0		1-1	★		1-1	0-2	1-0			4-2
Leichhardt	2-2	0-5			2-1	1-0	2-0	★			1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0
Brisb.Lions			2-0		1-2		2-1	2-1	★	1-1		0-0	1-2	1-0
Footscray	0-4		1-2	1-1	1-3	2-1		1-0	3-1	★	5-3	0-1	3-0	
St.George			0-2	1-1	1-4	0-3		1-0	2-3	1-1	★	1-5	0-3	4-1
Canberra	0-1	0-1		1-1	1-0	1-2	4-3		2-4	0-0	4-1	★		0-1
Sth.Melb.	3-1	0-0	1-2		2-1		2-0	1-0	2-2			1-0	★	5-0
Blacktown	5-1	1-2	1-3	3-1		1-1	1-0			3-0	4-2		0-3	★

TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	19
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	11
J. NYSKOHUS (Adel.City)	11
BULJEVIC (Sth.Melb.)	10
BARNES (Sydney City)	9
BODEN (Sydney City)	9
DUARTE (St.George)	8
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	8
PATON (Heidelberg)	8
O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)	8
GIAMPAOLO (Canberra)	7
SHARNE (Marconi)	7
KELSO (Brisb.City)	7

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS...

Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "I wasn't happy in the first 30 minutes. The two quick goals broke St.George."

★ ★ ★

Raul Blanco, St.George: "We played badly although we did have our chances."

★ ★ ★

Frank Arok, St.George adviser: "Fraser made a mess of the first goal, then came the penalty; even much better teams than ours would have caved in after that."

★ ★ ★

Marconi played without several regulars out with various injuries: Vieri, Cant, Degney and Muir while the Saints were without the Cup-tied Russell and Stone and the injured Griffiths, Barton and Utjesenovic.

★ ★ ★

Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "It was a terrible game to watch but we should have won all the same. We made more chances yet didn't score."

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Rocco'ille, Footscray: "It's an important win for us. We're no longer in danger of relegation and with these worries over I think we'll play much better in our remaining games."

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Canberra's John Brown: "We were the better team until the first goal was scored. However, in the second half we did not create chances."

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Heidelberg's Len McKendry: "I was extremely pleased with the performances of our young players, Jeff Oliver and Williams. Last week's 0-7 loss to Brisbane City was a freak result."

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EXIT CHALDI

— By Allan Crisp —

Gerry Chaldi last week became the 48th coaching casualty since the inception of the Philips Soccer League in 1977.

West Adelaide and Chaldi agreed to terminate the former Sydney City supremo's two-year contract last Friday night.

The split brings Westad's tally of coaches or caretaker-coaches to seven in four years.

Mike Johnson was Westad's first PSL coach and he was succeeded by Billy Birch (1977), John Margaritis, Neil McGachey and Jim Adam (1978), Tom Forde (1979) and Chaldi.

Former Irish International Forde holds the "long service" record at West, having been in office for a full 12 months.

For the record, West are the fourth club to change their coach this season, following Brisbane City (George Potter for Nero Saftich), Canberra City (John Brown for Vic Fernandez), and Heidelberg United (Len McKendry for Jim Rooney and Pat Bannon).

Chaldi joined Westad in January this year from Sydney City whom he guided to the PSL championship in 1977 and the top four play-off title in 1978 and '79.

Chaldi seems certain to continue his coaching career in NSW because he has already had approaches from two Sydney clubs for next season.

As Westad slipped to the lower reaches of the table Chaldi was subjected to intense pressure from the club's demanding fans in general and from the local Greek Press in particular.

"The parting came because of our lowly position, but we have high respect for Gerry who is a great coach," George Kotses said.

Westad will not rush into appointing a successor to Chaldi.

Following a meeting between the committee and the players it was decided to play out the final seven matches of the season without a coach.

"Captain Ian McGregor and Martyn Crook will be in charge on match days and at training, but the responsibilities of running the team and selection will be shared by a panel of senior players," George Kotses said.

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THE 'GONG GANG READY FOR PSL

— By Paul James —

Officials of PSL candidates Wollongong City are certain their club will be playing in the premier soccer competition next year.

Last week the full Philips League Committee travelled to Wollongong to inspect the progress of the infant club.

The PSL's John Frank said the committee was most impressed with the facilities and go-ahead views of the club.

"They have an above average ground in the Wollongong Showground, which has cover for spectators, good press facilities and good crowd control barriers," Frank said.

"And their relationship with the local media is excellent."

Wollongong's secretary Richard Drake said his club was very happy with the way the 'inspection' tour ran.

"When we applied last year and were knocked back, the ASF wrote us a letter saying there was a definite position in the 1981 competition for an Illawarra team.

"All we had to do was get out act together — and I think we have done that," he said.

Drake said Wollongong was basing itself mainly on Newcastle's blueprint for the jump into the top league.

"We are tackling all aspects of a soccer club with deadly seriousness now.

"It is no longer a matter of 'are we in or not,'" he said.

"We are all optimistic that we are in."

Wollongong will have two major sponsors, providing a joint sum of $60,000.

One of the sponsors is the property developers Westfield and there are plans afoot to try and incorporate that name into the club's title.

However, the PSL marketing section may try and stop such a move and encourage the Wollongong club to pick a bright, catchy name.

"We can understand both points of view," Drake said.

"But the PSL has set a precedent with Newcastle having the 'KB' in their club name."

Paul Kay.

Apart from the sponsorship money the club has already stirred the imagination of locals who are generously backing the club.

"We want 150 foundation members to each pay $300.

"That would provide us with an extra $45,000 and although we would still have to find a lot more cash, at least it is a start," he said.

Drake said the campaign to launch the foundation memberships had not yet been properly advertised and yet he had already received $9,000 from people walking in off the street to give their money.

"It has been a tremendous boost for everyone in the club to know we have such a positive backing from the community.

"People who have given their membership fees have come from all walks of life: there have been guys from the iron works, public servants and doctors.

"I think once we get the side going we will have tremendous support," he said.

One aspect of the new club which is still a long way from complete is the actual playing and coaching side.

Rumours abounded in the daily press last week that Wollongong had already signed Newcastle United coach Alan Vest.

Both clubs and Vest denied the reports, although none of the parties have denied Vest has been talking to Wollongong officials.

"We have never hidden our desire to get Alan for next year, but at this stage we have never produced a contract or even talked about a formal agreement," Drake said.

He did say, however, that Vest has been scouting for players for the new club.

"Alan has been looking around and suggesting to anyone interested they contact Wollongong," Drake said.

Wollongong will probably have a fair percentage of local products in the team.

Regular PSL players like Paul Kay, David Skeen and Larry Gaffney all hail from Illawarra and with a more intensive scouting program more talent should be found.

On the touchy subject of how not to annoy the NSW Federation, Drake is adamant the club will seek affiliation to the State body.

"We will need a competition for our reserve teams and the NSW Federation is the next best thing to the PSL," he said.

The NSW Federation has said all along that if a NSW state team is relegated from the PSL it must be replaced with a team from the NSW Federation.

Drake feels this could easily be achieved if Wollongong becomes a member of the Federation.

"We don't want to make any waves, as after all, we are only a new club.

"But we feel Wollongong has tremendous, unexploited potential as a soccer centre and it should be given preference over areas which have failed to live up to past hopes time and time again," he added.

Summer soccer — what do YOU think?

The Philips Soccer League is seriously considering the possible advantages and drawbacks of switching the season from "winter" to "summer."

"Summer" would probably mean a season starting in October and ending in May, with a break around the Christmas period.

There are many aspects to be considered: the availability of grounds, climate, possible problem with the States, etc.

We would like to enlist the help of our readers in "testing" the soccer public's opinion.

You can help enormously by taking the trouble of filling in the questionnaire below and sending it back to us.

You can, if you wish, attach a brief letter with comments on the subject.

We will publish the result of this survey in a few weeks time and pass on all coupons and letters to the PSL to help them in their evaluation.

Please tick off answer which is applicable.

Do you think that the "PSL summer soccer" idea is
- good
- questionable
- poor

If the PSL were to be played in "summer," would you expect crowds to be
- larger
- same
- smaller

If the PSL were to play in summer, would you suggest as match days
- nights midweek
- Friday night
- Saturday
- Sunday

Should matches be played
- in the afternoon
- in the evening

Do you feel that summer soccer would lead to TV coverage?
- yes
- no

Do you feel that summer soccer would attract fans of other football codes?
- yes
- no

Do you feel that summer soccer could lead to professional soccer?
- yes
- no

If PSL soccer were played in summer, would you recommend a spell around Christmas?
- yes
- no

Do you feel that soccer would prosper if it didn't have to clash with other football codes in winter?
- yes
- no

*** Name:**

*** Address:**

Do you agree that the PSL club names should be "jazzed up"?
- yes
- no

Would it cause complications if the PSL were played in summer and every other type of soccer in the usual winter months?
- yes
- no

Do you attend PSL matches
- regularly
- frequently
- seldom

In PSL summer games, would you attend
- only home matches
- away matches in same city
- interstate matches also

If the PSL were played in summer would you attend State Leagues in winter?
- yes
- no

Would you consider, in summer, taking your
- wife
- children
- both

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LETTERS

I would like to comment on your most justifiable statement in the July 24 issue of Soccer World pertaining to the subject of a possible switch in the PSL playing season, and the credits given to myself in the Sydney Morning Herald for such a concept.

In the interview with the journalist from the Sydney Morning Herald I raised the subject of switching the playing seasons around for the PSL being one of the ideas that were to be evaluated by both PSL and ASF executives.

I also went on to state that I understand the idea was first publicly raised in Australia by Mr. Andrew Dettre of Soccer World some three years ago, and questioned why the idea had not been pursued at that time.

Alas in preparation of the journalist's story the credit was given to me as my idea.

I would be honoured to think that I should have such innovative thinking, but could not lay claim to this particular subject.

The difference this time the subject has been raised, is that people are listening and now seriously thinking about the issue.

A feasibility study is being prepared and this will, when complete, be accordingly submitted for discussion, consideration, and ultimately a decision by both PSL and ASF executives.

There are many positive reasons for considering a switch in the playing season for our National League and of course there are some inherent problems associated as well.

What we are attempting to do this time is to ensure that the initial negative points that come to mind do not outweigh the positive side of such action, and that the complete picture of what might happen is set down carefully on paper for consideration by our executives.

To assist us in our evaluation we would be more than appreciative of response from the supporters and followers of soccer in this country relative to whether as spectators, they too would enjoy attending soccer through the warmer months of the year being a playing season probably between October and May.

Rik Booth
Executive Director
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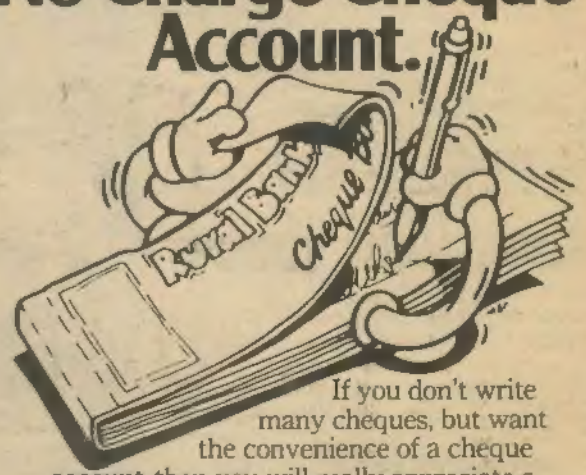

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STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	16	1	3	33	11	33
Olympic	15	2	3	43	16	32
Auburn	11	4	5	29	22	26
Canterbury	9	5	7	29	29	23
Croatia	7	5	6	32	22	19
Arncliffe	7	4	8	31	31	18
Avala	7	4	8	19	25	18
Sutherland	6	5	7	21	20	17
Nth.Sydney	6	3	9	29	27	15
Monaro	4	7	8	21	21	15
Bankstown	7	1	11	24	34	15
Parramatta	5	3	13	21	55	13
Kuringai	4	4	9	23	31	12
Manly	5	2	12	21	32	12

GRADE 2

Canterbury	13	4	4	31	13	30
Croatia	9	7	2	25	17	25
Kuringai	10	3	4	29	12	23
Avala	9	5	5	28	20	23
Sutherland	8	6	4	28	17	22
Olympic	9	3	7	32	19	21
Melita	7	7	5	32	25	21
Auburn	8	5	7	21	21	21
Bankstown	8	2	8	23	33	18
Manly	5	4	10	17	25	14
Arncliffe	4	5	10	26	35	13
Parramatta	4	5	11	16	27	13
Nth. Sydney	3	4	11	14	36	10
Monaro	2	4	11	13	35	8

GRADE 3

Auburn	14	4	—	39	6	32
Sutherland	12	3	1	41	9	27
Kuringai	10	6	1	43	19	26
Bankstown	9	6	2	36	17	24
Arncliffe	7	7	3	34	25	21
Canterbury	6	6	5	33	25	20
Melita	5	6	6	19	23	16
Olympic	7	2	9	18	24	16
Manly	6	2	9	23	26	14
Parramatta	5	4	8	20	35	14
Croatia	2	4	10	23	44	8
Nth. Sydney	1	1	15	11	42	3
Avala	1	1	16	11	56	3

DIVISION 1

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	14	4	3	45	19	32
St.George	12	3	4	51	22	27
Blacktown City	10	7	4	42	24	27
Leichhardt	9	7	6	43	36	25
Revesby	9	7	6	35	39	25
Wollongong	9	6	5	36	19	24
Polonia	9	6	6	43	31	24
Bathurst	10	4	6	32	25	24
Uni of NSW	9	4	8	34	26	22
Sydney City	8	5	8	40	34	21
Yugal	5	7	9	22	37	17
Blacktown Utd.	5	5	10	17	31	15
Belmore	4	3	13	20	44	11
Penrith	4	3	12	17	43	11
Warringah	1	3	18	12	58	5

GRADE 2

Sydney City	15	3	2	64	17	33
St.George	14	4	1	49	12	32
Blacktown City	13	3	5	51	33	29
Leichhardt	12	4	5	35	16	28
Wollongong	12	3	5	48	27	27
Revesby	11	4	7	41	28	26
Blacktown Utd.	8	3	7	25	21	19
Warringah	6	5	11	23	34	17
Uni of NSW	8	1	12	20	43	17
Penrith	7	2	10	20	30	16
Polonia	5	6	8	24	35	16
Marconi	6	3	12	21	31	15
Bathurst	4	3	13	17	45	11
Yugal	2	5	12	16	41	9
Belmore	2	3	15	19	57	7

GRADE 3

St.George	16	1	2	99	15	33
Sydney City	14	3	3	63	18	31
Blacktown City	13	4	4	57	24	30
Marconi	13	3	4	56	22	29
Leichhardt	11	6	3	33	15	28
Belmore	12	3	5	29	15	27
Revesby	8	6	8	37	50	22
Wollongong	9	2	9	43	36	20
Blacktown Utd.	7	4	8	27	36	18
Polonia	7	1	11	34	40	15
Penrith	6	3	10	30	47	15
Yugal	4	3	12	21	73	11
Uni of NSW	4	1	15	24	75	9
Warringah	3	2	17	26	48	8
Bathurst	1	2	17	17	89	4

DIVISION 2

GRADE 1

Guildford	13	4	1	38	14	30
Nth.Bankstown	10	5	3	42	20	25
Glad.Ravens	10	5	3	28	14	25
Yagoona	10	3	4	22	17	23
Lethbridge	7	4	7	31	22	18
Campbelltown	6	6	6	24	27	18
Queens Park	6	5	6	24	27	18
Dee Why	6	4	8	11	18	16
Baulkham Hills	6	2	9	27	32	14
Glad.Hornsby	5	3	9	18	27	13
Lane Cove	4	4	13	14	38	8
Marrickville	3	4	12	15	42	6

GRADE 2

Glad.Ravens	15	3	—	43	6	33
Lethbridge	11	3	4	39	23	25
Guildford	9	6	3	49	21	24
Campbelltown	8	7	3	29	16	23
Baulkham Hills	8	2	7	32	29	18
Nth.Bankstown	7	4	7	22	21	18
Glad.Hornsby	6	5	6	26	30	17
Dee Why	5	4	8	26	30	14
Yagoona	5	3	9	28	38	13
Queens Park	4	2	12	22	44	10
Lane Cove	3	2	13	15	36	8
Marrickville	2	3	11	12	47	7

GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth.Bankstown	14	1	3	58	9	29
Glad.Ravens	13	2	3	54	20	28
Guildford	12	4	2	52	23	28
Glad.Hornsby	12	2	3	38	15	26
Marrickville	10	2	4	44	20	22
Baulkham Hills	6	6	5	27	21	18
Campbelltown	8	1	9	27	28	17
Lethbridge	7	2	9	17	37	16
Dee Why	3	2	12	8	23	8
Yagoona	3	2	12	12	53	8
Lane Cove	2	2	14	14	54	6
Queens Park	1	2	15	10	58	4

DIVISION 3

GRADE 1

Nth. Ryde	11	4	3	33	20	26
Kingsford	11	2	4	33	22	24
Riverstone	11	2	5	33	22	24
Liverpool	9	5	3	25	17	23
Bondi	8	6	4	31	19	22
Bonnyrigg	11	—	7	35	27	22
Wenty	7	4	7	29	26	18
Sydney Uni	5	4	9	19	30	14
Hurstville	6	1	11	31	34	13
Artarmon	4	5	9	20	23	13
Port Hacking	4	2	12	20	38	10
West Ryde	1	3	14	22	53	5

GRADE 2

Bondi	14	2	2	34	10	30
Liverpool	12	4	1	38	12	28
Kingsford	10	3	4	39	19	23
Artarmon	10	3	5	46	36	23
Nth. Ryde	8	3	7	32	19	19
Bonnyrigg	7	4	7	38	26	18
Wenty	6	5	7	21	26	17
Riverstone	7	2	9	26	34	16
Sydney Uni.	6	3	9	28	31	15
Port Hacking	5	4	9	25	27	14
West Ryde	2	2	14	17	62	6
Hurstville	1	3	14	23	65	5

DIVISION 4

GRADE 1

Eastern Creek	10	5	1	34	11	25
Padstow	11	1	4	43	17	23
Paddington	9	5	2	22	15	23
Eastwood	10	1	6	33	24	21
Fairfield Kiev	6	8	2	24	12	20
Canley Heights	6	3	8	28	33	15
Ryde District	7	1	8	27	34	15
Revesby	3	8	5	18	25	14
West Holroyd	4	6	7	25	34	14
Chelsea	2	2	11	9	29	6
Maroubra	1	1	15	17	48	3

GRADE 2

Eastern Creek	13	3	—	44	6	29
Padstow	10	4	2	39	22	24
Fairfield Kiev	7	8	1	39	27	22
Canley Heights	10	1	6	43	30	21
Eastwood	7	6	4	35	20	20
West Holroyd	6	4	7	25	25	16
Paddington	3	8	5	15	20	14
Ryde Dist.	4	4	6	15	40	12
Revesby	3	4	9	31	31	10
Maroubra	1	5	11	12	44	7
Chelsea	1	3	12	17	50	5

DIVISION 5

GRADE 1

Concordia	11	3	2	37	13	25
Fairfield West	8	7	3	29	18	23
Winston Hills	7	8	3	36	27	22
West St.George	8	5	4	29	21	21
Nth. Rocks	7	6	5	35	25	20
Maccabi	7	5	5	33	24	20
Macquarie	7	3	8	32	25	17
Edensor	6	5	7	32	31	17
Camden	7	3	8	27	36	17
Pagewood	5	6	6	27	36	16
Haberfield	3	3	12	20	41	9
Auburn	1	3	14	16	56	5

GRADE 2

West St.George	15	1	2	53	17	31
Winston Hills	14	2	2	50	17	30
Camden	12	3	3	46	18	27
Fairfield	11	4	3	41	17	26
Macquarie	11	3	4	47	25	25
Nth. Rocks	9	3	6	38	27	21
Maccabi	8	2	8	30	22	18
Edensor	4	2	12	26	50	10
Concordia	4	1	12	21	38	9
Pagewood	2	3	12	15	56	7
Haberfield	2	1	15	19	54	5
Auburn	1	3	14	10	55	5

DIVISION 6

GRADE 1

Glenquarrie	12	3	3	47	16	27
Moorebank	12	3	3	51	21	27
Hawkesbury	11	4	3	37	14	26
Chullora	8	6	3	38	18	22
Blacktown	9	3	6	42	28	21
Green Valley	8	4	6	32	21	20
Liverpool City	8	4	6	25	20	20
Liverpool Utd.	7	3	7	27	29	17
Liverpool Rang.	5	5	7	21	32	15
Bankstown	3	3	12	20	62	9
Mt. Pritchard	1	2	14	15	46	4
Sth. Sydney	1	2	15	19	66	4

GRADE 2

Moorebank	14	3	1	57	12	31
Liverpool City	14	3	1	52	15	31
Glenquarrie	11	5	2	52	20	27
Hawkesbury	10	3	5	52	19	23
Blacktown	7	6	5	26	30	20
Chullora	8	3	6	41	20	19
Green Valley	8	3	7	37	22	19
Liverpool Rang.	5	2	9	21	23	12
Liverpool Utd.	4	4	9	32	43	12
Mt. Pritchard	4	—	13	19	47	8
Bankstown	3	2	13	18	69	8
Sth. Sydney	—	1	17	8	104	1

NSW STATE LEAGUE

LOOKS EASY FOR MELITA

— By Paul James —

While both Melita and Sydney Olympic have what appears to be fairly comfortable matches with week, third and fourth placed Auburn and Canterbury meet in an important game for the Berries.

Last week Auburn showed they have a reservoir of determination and a fair amount of skill to justify their high placing.

Their rock-like defence, ably led by that magnigficent duo of McDonald and McMillan, restricted Olympic's scoring chances to a minimum, while at the other end Martinez and McCulloch kept Olympic on their toes.

Canterbury's spectacular loss to the nuggety Manly side could have been disastrous for their top four chances.

But luckily for them, their close rivals Croatia also slipped up and lost 2-1 to Norths.

Auburn look more likely to win both points from this encounter and we tip them to win 2-0.

Sydney Olympic are once again at Pratten Park, this time against Parramatta.

The Garside Park boys won two more precious points last week against the ailing Bankstown and jumped one place away from the relegation zone.

Olympic should be far too good for Parramatta.

Their defence is well marshalled, their midfield oozes with ideas and their attack, though lacking sharpness last week, looks capable of punishing any slackness in City.

We tip a 3-1 win to Olympic.

League leaders Melita will hope to keep their slender lead over Olympic with a win over Ku-ring-gai on Sunday at Garside Park.

Melita struggled against the spirited Monaro last week while the loss of Phil Mikas could prove an unwelcome disruption to a settled side.

Ku-ring-gai's problems mount week after week and they now lie equal bottom, just ahead of Manly on goal difference.

They seem doomed this week too, as it is highly unlikely they can upset Melita.

We tip a 3-0 win to the Eagles.

Arncliffe and North Sydney meet on Saturday at Mona Park in a match with little bearing on the top of the table.

The Scots have no chance of making the top four, but could still finish in a respectable position.

North Sydney have 15 points and seem to be safely out of reach of the relegation contenders.

Arncliffe's 2-0 win over Avala last week and Norths surprise 2-1 victory over Croatia hints at an entertaining game.

We tip Arncliffe to win 2-1.

Those old "war horses" who have seen better days, Sutherland and Croatia, meet at Seymour Shaw on Sunday.

Both teams have dropped dramatically from their position of dominance in the State League over the past three years.

Croatia is now struggling to make the top four, while Sutherland is satisfied to be well away from the relegation zone.

Neither side can be certain of victory, though Croatia's higher position and more skilled attack should give them the edge.

We tip a Croatia win 1-0.

After being upset last week by Arncliffe and with Manly causing a sensation against Canterbury, Avala will have to watch the Seasiders when they meet at Knight Park on Saturday.

Any slim chance Avala had of making the top four vanished when they lost to the Scots.

But Manly's relegation fears weren't made any easier because Parramatta matched them by beating Bankstown.

With Avala having little to fight for and with such pressure on Manly a draw would not surprise here.

We tip a 1-1 draw.

Inter Monaro again play hosts this week when fellow strugglers Bankstown visit Queanbeyan.

Monaro lost narrowly to Melita last week on a disputed penalty and are certainly playing with a lot more fire and determination.

Bankstown's patchy form has resulted in an amazing drop down the table.

Both look fairly comfortably away from the drop zone, but there will still be a desire to get maximum points here.

We tip a 2-0 win to Monaro.

PARRAMATTA CITY v BANKSTOWN 2-1(0-1)

Parramatta City steered itself slightly further away from relegation country with a fighting 2-1 win over Bankstown at Garside Park.

With better shooting, particularly in the second half Parramatta could have won by a much bigger margin. Instead, it was left for Kevin Lackey to seal the result from the penalty spot only five minutes from the end.

In the first half, the match was evenly balanced with both sides missing scoring chances. Bankstown went ahead with an own goal by goalkeeper Dennis Donovan.

Donovan, fully committed in the air, punched into his own net a swerving corner kick from Peter Rea.

However, Parramatta came out fighting after the interval and within 10 minutes they were on even terms with a great header by Mark Fisher.

Minutes later Scott Mitchell hit the crossbar with a smashing drive and Peter Roden failed to score with only the 'keeper to beat.

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 3 (Barker 46m), McKenzie 3, Bigland 4, Lackey 4, Bates 3, Forwood 4, Fisher 3, Roden 3, Mitchell 3, Stephenson 3 (Strickland 46m), Brizuela 3.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowitz 3, Thompson 3, Beverige 3 (Morrison 70m), Beater 3, Lynch 4, Peck 4, Williams 3, Ra 3, Lembryk 3, Daley 3, Tansley 2 (King 46m).

Goals: 0-1 Donovan (31m), 1-1 Fisher (55m), 2-1 Lackey (85m).
Referee: T. Seacy; **crowd:** 195

— C. Spiteri

MANLY v CANTERBURY 1-0(0-0)

A penalty in the 78th minute gave Manly Warringah a surprise 1-0 victory over Canterbury.

There were few thrills in a low standard match and players of both sides gave lethargic performance in the windy conditions.

Manly survived a second half onslaught when Canterbury hit the post twice in two minutes, then came back at their opponents.

Manly's centreback Bruce Doyle played well, continually braking up attacks with his firm tackling and generally holding the defence together.

David Jack gave Manly the win when he scored from the penalty spot after David Hardaker had been trapped in the box.

Canterbury played with more urgency after this setback but could not sustain any prolonged attack to pressure their opponents while Manly played it safe and held on to their lead.

MANLY: Dower 4, Wilson 3, Doyle 4, Emery 3, Townsend 3, Hardaker 3, Jack 3, Riley 2, (Burchett 54m), Fox 3, Vale 3, Stuart 2.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 4, G. Brown 3, Laws 3, Penman 3, Barboutis 3, Thompson 3, Williams 3, R. Brown 3, Hall 3, Byles 4, Thamnides 3 (Carter 73m).

Goal: 1-0 Jack (pen. 78m).
Referee: G. Power; **crowd:** 600; **caution:** [illegible].

— A. Henderson

CROATIA v NORTH SYDNEY 1-2(0-0)

A three goal burst in less than three minutes midway through the second half enlivened an otherwise uneventful match.

Croatia supplied the skill and polish for 90 minutes but was never able to match North Sydney when it came to determination and a willingness to win the ball.

The predictability of the Croatia attacks mounted in the first half gave North Sydney the time necessary to Marshall their defenders and Croatia's chances to score were rare.

The two best chances before half-time fell to veteran Maurice Sullivan but he made a terrible mess of the simple opportunities.

Neither side showed much flair or method, both being guilty of poor control with aimless kicking which resulted in the ball spending more time in the air than on the ground.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 3, Vidaic 2, Dudaric 3, Gruicic 2 (Rezzo 63m), Culina 3, Sullivan 4, Savor 2, M. Kovacic 3, Kalka 3, Pagano 3.

NORTH SYDNEY: Tilsed 3, J. Walker 2, O'Rourke 3, Mattheson 3, J. Bottalico 3, Leyden 4, Youssef 4, Porter 3, A. Bottalico 2, Dale 3, Wilson 2.

Goals: 1-0 Sullivan (64m), 1-1 Wilson (65m), 1-2 Youssef (66m).
Referee: P. Rampley; **crowd:** 3,105.

— R. Dewick

SUTHERLAND v KU-RING-GAI 3-1(1-0)

The first goal came two minutes before halftime when a defensive mix-up by Ku-ring-gai let in Vic Dal Forno who crashed the ball into the net.

It was Dal Forno who scored the second goal in the 59th minute when, following a foul on Tony Bush, he hit a freekick from 22 metres straight into the net.

Craig Rogers, a second half substitute, scored the third in the 64th minute when he ran through the defence to fire a loose ball past the goalkeeper.

Ku-ring-gai scored their consolation goal six minutes from fulltime when Jim Herron beat the off-side trap.

Dal Forno had a great chance to complete his hat-trick in the 69th minute but he shot high over the bar with the goalkeeper well out of position.

For Sutherland Nigel Groome was outstanding in midfield and he was well supported by Steve Meades and Dal Forno was easily the most dangerous forward.

Rob Wheatley and Robert Geekie worked hard in defence for Ku-ring-gai and Jim McGill showed some initiative in attack but lacked support.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Hesford 3, R. Schumann 3, Groome 5, Holman 4, K. Schumann 3, Meades 4, Harrington 3, Bush 3, Dal Forno 4, Connor 2 (Rogers 46m).

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, Wheatley 4, Geekie 4, Robertson 3, Martin 3, Noble 3, Jones 2, (Smith 75m), Lavin 2, McGill 4, Herron 3, Worthington 3.

Goals: 1-0 Dal Forno (43m), 2-0 Dal Forno (59m), 3-0 Rogers (64m), 3-1 Herron (81m).
Referee: T. Boskovic; **crowd:** 559.

— E. De Mesquita

AVALA v ARNCLIFFE 0-2(0-2)

The Scots dominated in all areas of play and the score flattered Avala.

The match opened at a fast pace with Arncliffe attacking at will.

The Scots put constant pressure on the Avala goalmouth.

Steve Leak opened the scoring for Arncliffe in the fifth minute when he beat two defenders before unleashing a fierce 20 metre shot into the back of the net.

Ex-St.George midfielder Billy Bulloch put the Scots 2-0 up in the 18th minute when he headed home a corner from Andy Tracey.

Bulloch had a superb match and impressed with his intelligent distribution to his strikers.

Avala put Arncliffe under tremendous pressure in the second half but stern defence by the Scots held them out.

Striker Branko Karanfilovski tried hard for Avala but was left without support a number of times.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Bateman 3, Barton 4, Deller 4, Pilovski 2, Kodor 2, Djurisic 2, Czolnowski 3, P. Anjak 3, Tilt 3, Karanfilovski 4.

ARNCLIFFE: Hoszowski 3, Barton 4, Oldham 3, Doyle 4, Ainslie 4, Lee 5, Wignall 4, Bulloch 5, Montgomery 4, Leak 3, Tracey 3.

Goals: 0-1 Leak (5m), 0-2 Bulloch (18m).
Referee: T. Seacey; **crowd:** 980.

— M. Renwick

OLYMPIC v AUBURN 0-0

Olympic striker Peter Hensman was the villain of the day when his missed penalty cost his team a win.

Olympic was awarded the penalty in the 32nd minute when Auburn striker John McCrannor handled the ball in his own area after a corner.

Hensman's penalty beat goalkeeper Ron Gisbourne but smashed onto the underside of the crossbar and rebounded into the field where it was cleared.

Both sides had some glaring chances to score especially in the second half.

In the 59th minute a mix-up between two Olympic defenders left Auburn striker Hector Martinez alone in front.

But his shot from just inside the penalty area was well smothered by Olympic goalie Gary Meier.

In the last 10 minutes Olympic pushed forward in search of the winner but sound defence by Auburn resulted in the scoreless draw.

OLYMPIC: Meier 3, McPherson 3 (Ankudinoff 45m), Palmer 4, Wilson 4, Rowden 4, Cross 3, Hensman 3 (Zeros 75m), Laing 3, Scott 3, Houssemi 4, Jennings 3.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, McCoy 3, Fallough 4, Dobson 3, McMillan 5, McDonald 5, Quigley 4, McCulloch 3, McCrannor 3, Mario Martinez 4, Ross 3.

Referee: T. Davies; **crowd:** 2,750.

— P. James

MONARO v MELITA 0-1 (0-0)

Melita was reduced to ten men for the last 20 minutes of the game but had already taken the lead in the 60th minute through a Don Allen penalty.

The lanky striker was adjudged to have been fouled by Monaro stopper Bobby Noble and he took the spot kick himself to beat Nick Antonopoulos.

Referee Paul Murphy aroused the ire of both teams with some of his decisions.

Melita officials claim he added seven minutes injury time in a game which was seldom interupted while he sent off Melita defender Phil Mikas in the 70th minute.

Referee Murphy also showed the red card to Monaro striker Ian Heywood but after a discussion with a Seasiders official Heywood back into the field of play.

Melita was the quicker of the two sides and looked sharper in attack though the Monaro backline held out well for most of the match.

MONARO: Antonopoulos 4, Crawford 4, Charles 3, Noble 4, Santolin 4, Falzon 4, Lawler 3 (Arquero 82m), Valen 3, Link 3, Reis 3 (Heywood 60m), Trajanoski 3.

MELITA: Greedy 4, Berry 3, McDonald 3, Darvill 4, Mikas 1 (sent off), Juchniewicz 3, Williams 3, Farrugia 4, Allan 2, Stoddart 3, Parker 3.

Goal: 0-1 Allan (62m).
Referee: P. Murphy; **crowd:** 1,580; **cautions:** Noble, Crawford, Charles, Allan; **sent off:** Mikas.

— J. Chiera

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AUGUST 9-10

INTER MONARO	V	BANKSTOWN	SUN., MARCO POLO
SYDNEY OLYM	V	PARRAMATTA	SUN., PRATTEN PARK
AVALA	V	MANLY WARR.	SAT., KNIGHT PARK
SUTHERLAND	V	CROATIA SYD.	SUN., SEYMOUR SHAW
AUBURN	V	CANT.-M'VILLE	SUN., MONA PARK
ARNCLIFFE	V	NTH.SYD.INT.	SAT., MONA PARK
MELITA EAG.	V	KURINGAI	SUN., GARSIDE PARK

Wollongong	v	Revesby Work.	Sun., Berkeley Sports
Uni of NSW	v	Polonia	Sun., David Philips
Leichhardt	v	Penrith Utd.	Sat., Lambert Park
Blacktown City	v	Sydney City	Sat., Gabbie Stadium
Blacktown Utd.	v	Yugal	Sat., Francis Park
Belmore	v	Bathurst '75	Sat., Blick Oval
St.George	v	Warringah	Sun., St.George Stad.
St.George	v	Uni NSW	Sat., St.George Stad.
Blacktown Utd.	v	Penrith	Sun., Francis Park
Blacktown City	v	Bathurst	Sunday, Gabbie

NEXT WEEK

AUGUST 16-17

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CROATIA	V	AVALA	KING TOMISLAV(RD 21)
NORTH SYD.	V	MONARO	MARCO POLO (RD 2)
SUTHERLAND	V	BANKSTOWN	SEYMOUR SHAW(Rd.10)

AUGUST 17

MONARO	V	NORTH SYD.	MARCO POLO (Rd.25)
OLYMPIC	V	CANTERBURY	PRATTEN PARK (Rd.25)
AVALA	V	BANKSTOWN	KNIGHT PRK.(Rd.25)
SUTHERLAND	V	PARRAMATTA	SEYMOUR SHAW(Rd.25)
CROATIA	V	MANLY	KING TOMISLAV(Rd.25)
AUBURN	V	KURINGAI	MONA PARK (Rd.25)
MELITA	V	ARNCLIFFE	GARSIDE PARK (Rd.25)

Revesby Work.	v	Uni of NSW	Sat., Milperra Reserve
Polonia	v	Leichhardt	Sun., Chopin Park
Penrith Utd.	v	Blacktown City	Sun., Cook Park
S.S.C. Yugal	v	Wollongong	Sun., Concord Oval
Bathurst '75	v	Blacktown Utd.	Sat., Bathurst Show Gr
Warringah	v	Belmore	Sat., Narrabeen
Marconi	v	St.George	Sat., Marconi Oval
Wollongong	v	Sydney City	Sat., Berkeley

WORLD NEWS

BRAZIL STILL IN A MESS

"We have not forgotten how to play soccer: we simply use the wrong players and provide them with the wrong set of instructions" — so says former Brazil manager Mario Zagalo.

His barb is clearly aimed at team manager Tele Santana who, after less than six months in his job, is already under massive attack.

Brazil's most recent international results have been disappointing.

First they lost, in Rio, to the USSR 2-1 then scraped home 2-1 winners against lowly Chile and then came, again at home, a measly 1-1 draw with Poland.

"The country is full of superb talents but their skill goes unharnessed," claims Zagalo, now coaching the crack Flamengo club.

"Santana is too negative, too passive and cautious. Brazilians like to play their own special game."

The recent poor results have upset not just the fans but also the government.

With political tension, unemployment and an inflation rate of 90 per cent, soccer could be the "opium of the people."

The president of the Association, Giulite Coutinho, is a close friend of the president of the republic, Joao Figueirido and would dearly love to provide him with the means of easing the political tension through successful soccer.

If the price for that is the dismissal of Tele Santana, Santana will go.

The two most recent managers, Claudio Coutinho and Mario Zagalo, are adding fuel to the fire with their criticisms.

Coutinho, a professional army officer, who was also roundly criticised after the 1978 World Cup for Brazil's "failure" (they won third place...) recently travelled to Europe, to watch the European Championships in Italy.

From there, he wired back reports for a daily newspaper, boosting his reputation as an "intellectual" manager.

Zagalo, successful with Flamengo, would be the popular choice of the public for the job if Santana got the push.

A member of the 1958 and 1962 world champion side, Zagalo later coached Kuwait with whom he visited Australia in 1977.

Part of the problem — and it appears beyond solution — is the perennial rivalry between Rio and Sao Paulo clubs.

Meanwhile, almost unnoticed, "provincial" teams from Porto Alegre, Recife and other cities have stolen the march on the two feuding giant cities.

Says Zagalo: "Our national team is in a mess: there is no planning, no system.

"If this continues for another few months, we may not even qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals.

"And that, of course, means revolution with blood in the streets."

Brazilian fan in happier times.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• Brazil's Internacional of Porto Alegre and Uruguay's Nacional of Montevideo have reached the final of the Latin American Cup (Copa Libertadores).

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• On appeal, Italian international Paolo Rossi's three-year suspension has been cut to two — but Giordano and Manfredonia fared worse: their 18 months has been upped to three years.

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• Colombia is playing a series of tune-up matches before their Wold Cup elimination games: this week they meet the Brazilian Cruzeiro.

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• Jose Martinez, better known as Pirri, 35, Real Madrid's Spanish international, has joined the Puebla club in Mexico.

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• The new president of the Italian Federation (FIGC) is Frederico Sordillo, succeeding Artemio Franchi who will now concentrate on the presidency of UEFA and prepare for a challenge in 1982 for FIFA's top post.

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• Bologna's striker Savoldi has been ousted for three years in the "Betting Scandal" case.

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• Blackburn Rovers have sacked their star goal-getter Andy Crawford for missing, without permission, a week's pre-season training.

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• At long last it's been decided: Arsenal's Liam Brady has joined the Italian Juventus for about $2,000,000.

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• Paraguay international Gustavo Benitez has left his Spanish club Granada in a hurry and returned home to Asuncion after a Spanish court had sentenced him to seven years in jail for distributing pornography.

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• Liverpool ace Grame Souness may have ruined his Scottish international career by declining selection for the recent British Championship series because he was tired — and because he and manager Jock Stein had a quarrel at a training session.

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• Former Arsenal and Northern Ireland fullback Jim Magill is now manager of the Danish club Fredrikshavn.

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• After being relegated to the third division, a string of Fulham players have asked to be placed on the transfer list. Captain Richard Money has already joined Liverpool — for $800,000.

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• Brazil have received massive sponsorship from their country's Coffee Institute — $760,000 for the rest of the 1980 season. The contract runs for five years and the sum will be adjusted annually.

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• Martin Buchan has a pay dispute with Manchester United and has threatened to leave unless his demands are met.

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• Middlebrough's Irish striker Terry Cochrane, recently seen in Australia, is on the transfer list.

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• Ted Croker, secretary of the English Football Association: "Marketing soccer in the right way is of paramount importance these days. The FA is really a business."

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• Former Inter and Barcelona 'magician' Helenio Herrera: "The only way to motivate players is with money."

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• French star Michel Platini earns about $1,200,000 a season — and pays $600,000 in taxes. Pauvre Michel...

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• While he is frolicking with the Washington "Dips" (Diplomats), Johan Cruyff is trying to find a solution to his debt of $400,000 to the Spanish Taxation Office.

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OLYMPIC CROWN GOES TO PRAGUE

For the first time ever, Czechoslovakia has won the Olympic soccer crown, after beating East Germany 1-0 in a rought yet dull final in Moscow.

The winning goal came 13 minutes from the end when the East German goalie fumbled an easy header.

Earlier two players, one from each team, were sent off the field and several other cautioned.

With the Czechoslovak win, the long unbroken sequence of Eastern Bloc victories has continued.

Since 1952 the Olympic gold has always landed with the "state amateurs" of Hungary, USSR, Yugoslavia, Poland and now Czechoslovakia.

As expected, Eastern Bloc countries dominated the Olympic tournament in Moscow and various other cities in Russia, Bielorussia and the Ukraine.

Naturally, all sent powerful teams though perhaps not their number one side.

However, at worst all could be described as the "B" teams with hosts of full internationals.

Some of the preliminary round games produced strange results.

Kuwait did very well beating the African champions Nigeria — and drawing with Czechoslovakia.

Spain, which fielded a team of first division players, disappointed with their three drawn games.

Iraq also served notice to Australia: their 1-1 draw with Yugoslavia is full of merit.

Results:

GROUP A

Cuba v Zambia	1-0
USSR v Venezuela	4-0
USSR v Zambia	3-1
Cuba v Venezuela	2-1
Venezuela v Zambia	2-1
USSR v Cuba	8-0

USSR	3	3	—	—	15	1	6
Cuba	3	2	—	1	3	9	4
V'zuela	3	1	—	2	3	7	2
Zambia	3	—	—	3	2	6	—

GROUP B

Kuwait v Nigeria	3-1
Czechosl. v Colombia	3-0
Czechosl. v Nigeria	1-1
Colombia v Kuwait	1-1
Colombia v Nigeria	1-0
Czechosl. v Kuwait	0-0

Czechos.	3	1	2	—	4	1	4
Kuwait	3	1	2	—	4	2	4
Colombia	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
Nigeria	3	—	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP C

Algeria v Syria	3-0
Spain v E.Germany	1-1
Spain v Syria	0-0
E.Germany v Algeria	1-0
Spain v Algeria	1-1
E.Germany v Syria	5-0

E.Germ.	3	2	1	—	7	1	5
Algeria	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
Spain	3	—	3	—	2	2	3
Syria	3	—	1	2	—	8	1

GROUP D

Iraq v Costa Rica	3-0
Yugoslavia v Finland	2-0
Yugoslavia v Costs Rica	3-2
Finland v Iraq	0-0
Finland v Costa Rica	3-0
Yugoslavia v Iraq	1-1

Yugosl.	3	2	1	—	6	3	5
Iraq	3	1	2	—	4	1	4
Finland	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Costa R.	3	—	—	3	2	9	—

Quarterfinals:

USSR v Kuwait 2-1,
Czechoslovakia v Cuba 3-0,
East Germany v Iraq 4-0,
Yugoslavia v Algeria 3-0.

Semifinals:

East Germany v USSR	1-0
Czechosl. v Yugosl.	2-0

For third place:

USSR v Yugoslavia	2-0

Final:

Czechosl. v E.Germany	1-0

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